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| of U.S. Patent No. 6,329,275 |) | |
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| Application No. 10/732,888 |) | |
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| Reissue Filing Date: December 10, 2003 |) | Confirmation No. 6183 |
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| For: INTERCONNECTOR LINE OF |) | |
| THIN FILM, SPUTTER TARGET |) | |
| FOR FORMING THE WIRING |) | |
| FILM AND ELECTRONIC |) | |
| COMPONENT USING THE SAME |) | |

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Sir:

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

The "Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121)" (hereinafter "Notice") mailed on February 15, 2006, is improper. The "Reissue Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.173," filed on December 29, 2005, is in full compliance with all the pertinent requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.173 and M.P.E.P. § 1453. The Reissue Amendment is not governed by Rule 1.121.

The Examiner prepared the Notice according to Rule 1.121. Rule 1.121, however, is explicitly directed to "amendments in applications, *other than reissue applications*." In fact, 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(i) specifically states that "[a]ny amendment to the description and claims in reissue applications must be made in accordance with § 1.173." Applicants in fact drafted the

Reissue Amendment according to Rule 1.173(b)-(d) and (g). The Reissue Amendment clearly complies with all the pertinent requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.173 and M.P.E.P. § 1453.

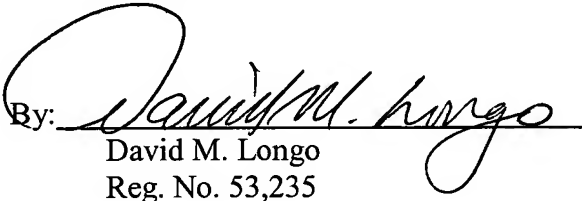
Applicants therefore submit that the Notice is improper, and request the Examiner withdraw the Notice. This Response is deemed timely, as it is filed within 30 days of the mailing of the Notice.

To the extent any extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is required to obtain entry of this Response or the Amendment filed on December 29, 2005, such extension is hereby respectfully requested. If there are any fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 that are not enclosed herewith, including any fees required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, please charge such fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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